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AUG ? 2002 For CLEANING IMPLEMENT COMPRISING A REMOVABLE CLEANING PA

HAVING MULTIPLE CLEANING SURFACES

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 01/29/02

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 09/13/01, Applicant hereby submits this response including the following amendments and remarks. Applicant also hereby submits a copy of the original document granting limited recognition to Mr. Thibault Fayette to prosecute patent application for the Procter & Gamble Company.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 29 without prejudice.

Please substitute the following claim for the pending claim 21 with the same number.

- 21. (Amended) An implement for cleaning a surface, the implement comprising:
 - a handle comprising a support head at one end; and
 - b. a disposable and removable cleaning pad having an upper surface and a lower surface, wherein the cleaning pad has multiple widths in the z-dimension and wherein the cleaning pad comprises:
 - a scrubbing layer;
 - ii. an absorbent layer in direct fluid communication with the scrubbing layer wherein the absorbent layer comprises a superabsorbent material; and

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